

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

September 28, 2010

The National Children's Study is the largest, long-term study of environmental and genetic influences on children's health ever conducted in the United States. The Study will follow 100,000 children, from before birth to age 21, in 105 study locations across the country. We are pleased that the County of Los Angeles has been selected to be one of the study sites. We are also pleased that the study of our area will be conducted by the University of California-Los Angeles Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities in close association with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and other important institutional and community partners.

The Study will examine how children's genes and environments interact to affect their health, development, quality of life, and their ability to grow into healthy adults. The Study will also focus on how events and exposures early in life can lead to specific outcomes. The Study will provide researchers, health care providers, and public health

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officials with important new data on a variety of health conditions including, but not limited to: birth defects and pregnancy-related problems, injuries, asthma, obesity, diabetes, and behavioral and mental health disorders.

This study will provide critical information to improve the health of our children for generations to come and we encourage all residents of this County to learn more about it and to support its successful implementation.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors declare the week of September 27, 2010 to October 1, 2010 as National Children's Study week in the County of Los Angeles and encourage all residents to support this Study and; Extend our congratulations to the University of California-Los Angeles Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities and partners for being selected to conduct this very valuable study.

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